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SUBJECT: US-MEXICO CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM TRADE SUBGROUP
MEETING

1. IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRADE SUBGROUP MEETING SCHEDULED
FOR MEXICO MAY 11, THERE FOLLOWS JOINT REPORT OF THE US-
MEXICO CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM REFERRING TO THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE TRADE SUBGROUP.

2. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SUBGROUP ON TRADE WAS HELD IN
JULY 1977 DURING WHICH THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE TREATED:

A) THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBGROUP WERE DEFINED.

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B) TRADE BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES WAS ANALYZED.

C) BOTH GOVERNMENTS WOULD STUDY THE EVALUATION OF ITS
EXTERNAL TRADE POLICIES IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC
SITUATION.

D) THE EVALUATION OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

WAS ANALYZED PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AMONG THEM MEXICO, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIAL AND MORE FAVORED TREATMENT MENTIONED IN THE DECLARATION OF TOKYO.

E) IT WAS AGREED TO PUT TOGETHER A DRAFT WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS.

F) THE PREFERENTIAL TRADE SCHEME OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR MEXICO WERE ANALYZED. THE U.S. SIDE OFFERED TO STUDY SEVERAL MEXICAN SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE OPERATION OF GSP.

G) PROBLEMS RELATED TO EXPORTS OF THE MEXICAN IN-BOND INDUSTRY (TSUS 806.30 AND 807.00) WERE DISCUSSED.

1) MEXICO RAISED THE PROBLEM OF THE ACCOUNTING OF THE VALUE OF EXPORTS OF IN-BOND INDUSTRIES WHICH BENEFIT FROM GSP (AS RELATED TO COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITS).

2) MEXICO RAISED THE PROBLEM OF THE ACCOUNTING OF IN-BOND INDUSTRIES EXPORTS OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXISTING QUOTAS UNDER THE BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE U.S. SIDE AGREED TO STUDY THESE ISSUES.
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H) IT WAS AGREED TO STUDY SPECIAL MECHANISMS FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF EXPORTS OF MEXICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO THE U.S. MARKET.

I) PENDING MEASURES GROWING OUT OF THE TRADE ACT POSSIBLY AFFECTING PRODUCTS OF EXPORTS INTEREST TO MEXICO WERE EXAMINED.

J) THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION OF SOME BASIC PRODUCTS WAS ANALYZED PARTICULARLY AS RELATED TO NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANISMS.

3. THE BASIC ACTION IN 1977 WAS THE NEGOTIATION AND SIGNING OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES A FIRST STEP TAKEN WITHIN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE IN GENEVA UNDER THE AUSPICES OF GATT AND FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIVES CONTAINED IN THE DECLARATION OF TOKYO WITH RESPECT TO SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. BOTH PARTIES NOTED THAT THE TRADE SUBGROUP WOULD MEET ON MAY 11TH AND 12TH OF 1978 TO EXAMINE PENDING QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

5. THERE FOLLOWS THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP:

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